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Public Notice

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Comment Period Closes: April 10, 2003

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW U.S. BORDER PATROL STATIONS CALAIS, VAN BUREN, AND JACKMAN, MAINE

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District is providing support services to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for the construction of three new U.S. Border Patrol Stations in Calais, Van Buren, and Jackman, Maine. This support is in accordance with a 1997 Memorandum of Agreement for the Corps of Engineers to provide nationwide project management services to the INS for their program to provide upgraded Border Patrol Stations to accommodate increased staffing levels.

Project Description: The Corps of Engineers and the INS are considering sites in Calais, Van Buren and Jackman, Maine for the construction of new U.S. Border Patrol Stations based on siting criteria established by the U.S. Border Patrol, operations functions of the U.S. Border Patrol, size, environmental acceptability and real estate viability. A 10-acre minimum site size is required for each project, and all the proposed stations will be designed to support a total staff of 29. Attachment 1 includes project maps which indicate the locations of the alternative sites under consideration at this time in each of the three communities, and which are described below.

Proposed Calais Border Patrol Station

Site #4 This site is located along State Route 9, approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the intersection with U.S. Route 1.

Site #5 This site is adjacent to Site #4, and has frontage along State Route 9.

Site #6 (Preferred Site) This site is directly across from Sites #4 and #5 on State Route 9.

Proposed Jackman Border Patrol Station

Site #2 This site is a portion of a tract in excess of 1,000 acres, currently owned by Plum Creek Timber Company. It is located on the south side of Route 6.

Site #2(a) (Preferred Site) This site is in the immediate vicinity of Site #2, and is part of the same large tract, currently owned by Plum Creek Timber Company.

Site #3 This site is located on the east side of U.S. Route 201, and is part of a larger tract currently owned by Plum Creek Timber Company.

Proposed Van Buren Border Patrol Station

Site #1 This site is located on the east side of U.S. Route 1, on the southern approach to Van Buren.

Site #2 This site is an agricultural field on the west side of U.S. Route 1 on the southern approach to Van Buren.

Site #3 (Preferred Site) This site is an agricultural field located in the community of Hamlin, immediately to the southeast of Van Buren, on U.S Route 1A.

Environmental Assessments will be prepared for these proposed projects. A preliminary determination has been made that an Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed project is not required under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. This determination will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice and other coordination efforts. Attachment 2 includes a list of other pertinent laws, regulations and directives for these projects.

Additional Information: Additional information may be obtained from the Project Management Division and the Engineering/Planning Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mr. Thomas Rosato, Project Manager, and Ms. Sue Holtham of the Environmental Resources Section, respectively, at the return address shown. These individuals may also be reached by phone, (978) 318-8620/8536, and also by E-mail at thomas.j.rosato@usace.army.mil / susan.e.holtham@usace.army.mil. Collect calls will be accepted weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Coordination: The proposed work will be coordinated with the following Federal, State and local agencies:

Federal

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service

State

- Maine Department of Conservation
- Maine Department of Environmental Protection
- Maine Geological Survey
- Maine Department of Transportation
- New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Office
- Maine Coastal Program
- Maine Department of Marine Resources

Local

Calais City Government
Town of Baileyville
Town of Hamlin
Town of Van Buren
Town of Jackman
Jackman Conservation Commission

Comments: Any person who has an interest that may be affected by the proposed project may request a public hearing. The request must be submitted to me within 30 days of the date of this notice and must clearly set forth the interest that may be affected and the manner in which the interest may be affected by this activity.

Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone you know to be interested in this project. We are seeking public input on these proposed projects. Comments are invited from all interested parties and should be directed to me at, U.S. Army Corps of the Engineers, New England District, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, Massachusetts, 01742-2751, Attn: Engineering/Planning Division, within 30 days of this notice.

Attachment

Thomas L. Koning
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer

ATTACHMENT 2 **PERTINENT LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND DIRECTIVES**

American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, 42 U.S.C. 1996.

Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.

Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.

Clean Water Act of 1977 (Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972)
33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.

Farmland Policy Protection Act of 1981

Federal Water Project Recreation Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 4601-12 et seq.

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 4601-1

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.

Preservation of Historic and Archaeological Data Act of 1974, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 469 et seq. This amends the Reservoir Salvage Act of 1960 (16 U.S.C. 469).

Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.

Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.

Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, May 24, 1977 amended by Executive
Order 12148, July 20, 1979

Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, May 24, 1977

Executive Order 11593, Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment,
13 May 1971 (36 FR 8921, May 15, 1971).

Executive Order 13007, Accommodations of Sacred Sites, May 24, 1996.

Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, February 11, 1994.

Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks, April 21, 1997.

Executive Memorandum, Analysis of Impacts on Prime or Unique Agricultural Lands in Implementing NEPA, August 11, 1980.

White House Memorandum, Government-to-Government Relations with Indian Tribes, April 29, 1994.